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President's Message

What a tease! Just when we thought we had survived winter, Mother Nature hits us with snow and ice rain. Maybe I should have learned how to skate!

Seems a good time to take part in some PROBUS activities in the comfort of each other's homes or in restaurant venues. If the Club has not started a group which interests you just give John Muzik, Interest Groups Chair, a call and he will try to help find out if your interests are the same as other members and maybe a new group can start up. Just because you come up with an idea does not necessarily mean you have to lead it. Once a group is established, all those who are part of the group can share the task.

The Social Committee met this week and there are some wonderful events planned for the upcoming months. Lots of variety-something for everyone.

This has been a busy first year for the Club and I am confident that many new friendships have been forged. We are all enjoying retirement, whether full or partial, and getting out and about and trying new experiences is a big part of our changed lifestyle. Being part of PROBUS should be beneficial and while we do not have to worry about fund raising we do need help from members to make sure there are things to do. I am a great believer that most of us like to feel busy, but not too busy!!

I would personally like to thank my Management Committee for making this first year as President so pleasurable. All roles are of equal importance and I think we have all enjoyed using our different skills to ensure membership in this Club has been FUN. In fact it has been so much fun that many of the team are willing to stay for a second year – including myself! We still have a couple of vacancies and it will be wonderful to have some new faces on the Committee for next year.

Hope to see many of you at our March meeting. It will be a lively occasion with Westben providing entertainment.

**Our next meeting is MARCH 1
at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Community Church
Hall, 75 Liberty St. S. in Bowmanville**

Our Guest Speaker will be WESTBEN

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION

There are a couple of positions that need to be filled on the Management Committee- All positions are one year terms, with the opportunity to be nominated for another term.

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

Vice President-assistant to President.-see job description on the website.

Social Chair- Co-chairs preferable- The Social Events are already planned for several months, so anyone assuming the role has time to ease into this position. Also the planning is assumed by the 6- 8 members of the committee. See job description on the website.

If you are interested in a position, please contact Lorraine Veroba asap. .veroba@sympatico.ca

The slate of nominees will be announced by email on March 1 and at the March 1 Meeting. Anyone wishing to add their name or anyone else's name to the Slate of Nominees, must contact Lorraine by March 22 (2 weeks prior to our AGM on April 5).

If there is more than one nominee for a position, an election will be held at the AGM by secret ballot.

PLEASE CONSIDER WORKING WITH FELLOW PROBUS MEMBERS ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR 2017-18

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR CLARINGTON

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair Suzanne Elston

Please pay by cheque only. Separate cheques for each event.

Please have your cheques made out BEFORE lining up for sign up.

Cheques should be made payable to “ Probus Club of Clarington”

St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night

Friday, March 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Cost - \$3.00

Bobby C's Dockside Restaurant

70 Port Darlington Rd. Bowmanville

WEAR YOUR "GREEN" – EVERYBODY'S IRISH

Come out for a great night of fun and laughs! Test your trivia knowledge!

Come as teams or pairs or individually

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

Drinks and appetizers at your own expense

Some appetizers will be half price.

Herongate Barn Theatre

Date: Sunday, April 9th

Time: Lunch Buffet at 12:00 noon

Performance at 2:00 pm

Location: 2885 Altona Road, Pickering

Cost: \$68.00/person – transportation NOT included

Info: "Bedtime Stories" by Norm Foster, is a hilarious romp.

Full buffet includes:

**turkey, roast beef and pork entrée, full salad bar and a variety of homemade
desserts.**

Deadline: March 1 (at General Meeting)

Ottawa Tulip Festival

Date: May 14th - 16th

- Two nights accommodation with breakfast

COST \$499 + hst

Your tour includes:

- City tour • Tour of Tulip Festival – International Pavilion • Cruise on Rideau Canal – the best way to see the National Capital Region. Items of interest include the Parliament Buildings; Supreme Court; Museum of Civilization; National Art Gallery; Rideau Falls; Residence of the Prime Minister; and more. • Tour of Canadian Mint- Learn how coins are made by joining an interactive guided tour. • Brunch at O'Connor House • Parliament Buildings & Rideau Hall (where available) • Byward Market – one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets within an area roughly four blocks square. You will find museums, cafes, specialty food shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants (109), and more!

Westben Arts Festival Theatre

Westben Theatre- Wednesday, July 26- 2:00 p.m. Campbellford,

Waves of Broadway (songs from South Pacific and Showboat) featuring Donna Bennett, Gabriella Prata, Colin Ainsworth, Robert Longo, and Brian Finley. Group tickets are **\$36 per person**, including taxes.

Soprano Donna Bennett and Pianist/Composer, Brian Finley, initiated the Westben Arts Festival Theatre several years ago. It is a fantastic newly built modern Barn Theatre which was built to showcase professional Canadian musicians. It is located in the rolling hills outside Campbellford, 1 1/2 hour drive from Oshawa/Bowmanville.

Join your fellow PROBUS members and take a leisurely drive by car to Westben for a concert you won't forget! Carpooling is recommended.

If you wish to attend a local church dinner with the group, a full turkey dinner and trimmings, complete with salad, dessert, tea and coffee is being offered for \$20 each. Please sign up quickly. The dinner follows the concert around 5:00-5:15 p.m.

Sign up Deadline for Concert is April 5

Make cheques payable to: PROBUS Club of Clarington (\$36- concert- \$20 -dinner, \$56 for show and dinner).

The Escape Room and Dinner Social Event

Every one of us who attended this on February 22nd had a fantastic evening. We split into two groups in 2 different rooms. We learned what great team players we were and our brain cells were truly tested! The Panic Factory was worth every penny and we all agreed we wanted to go back on a future date to try an alternate room. We were all ready for beer/wine and pizza at Bittmore Tap and Grill after the extremely intense hour in the escape rooms. Watch for photos on the website.

Victoria Girling (brave participant)

Interest Group News

The interest group calendar is now posted on the [web site](#). You can now check at a glance when your favorite interest group meets. If you are leading an interest group and you notice any omissions or errors, please let me know.

As always, we are looking for new interest groups. If you have an idea for a new group, please see me at the interest group table, or email me.

See you on March 1.

John Muzik

PHOTOS

If you are part of an Interest Group, maybe you could take a photo of your group, not necessarily posed! We are keen to put some photos on the website to share the camaraderie.

PLEASE BRING A MUG TO the GENERAL MEETINGS – this cuts down on the cleanup for our House Committee. If anyone is interested in helping this committee with the refreshments set up and clean up please see Marilyn Munro at any of the General Meetings. Any help is gratefully appreciated.

NAME BADGES

Just a reminder to all members to wear your name badges to all social events and Interest groups. This is good way to get to know each other. Suggestion - If you leave it in your car it will always be there when needed.

FACEBOOK PAGE

It's official – PROBUS Clarington has its very own Facebook page. To join this private group, please send a request to Suzanne Elston to her Facebook account or email her at selston@gmail.com.

Please note: You must already be a member of Facebook to join the PROBUS Clarington group.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Starting in February, there will be a book exchange at the monthly PROBUS meetings. Members are invited to bring maximum of two books, per meeting, to exchange with others. Please bring current titles of interest. Members are responsible for taking home any books they bring that are not claimed.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)– Wednesday April 5, 2017 Membership Dues

It would be extremely helpful to both the Treasurer and the Membership Chair if members would be able to pay their \$30 annual membership as early as possible and not wait until the April General Meeting when they are due. We have a great speaker in April and we do not want to take up too much of the meeting time with administrative issues. Cheques are payable to PROBUS Club of Clarington and can be brought to the March and April meetings or mailed to Joan Pumphrey, 31 Arnold Johnston St. Courtice, L1E 0C6. Many thanks.

Future Speakers for Clarington Probus:

March Westben Entertainment promises some fun times!

April Christine Elliot, our new Patient Ombudsman will explain her role and how it fits into our Provincial health care system.

May John Greenwood will rally all you vintage race car enthusiasts and perhaps this will curve into an interest group with trips to Mosport.

June Trevor Charbonneau from Morris and Newcastle Funeral homes will walk us through the ins and outs (pun intended) of his profession.

Coming up: The beat goes on with an author's panel and Sandy Hawley in process of confirmation. The wait list is never stagnant!

Karen Cashin, Speaker chair

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